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Title:

AUTOMATED OPTICAL MEASUREMENT APPARATUS AND METHOD

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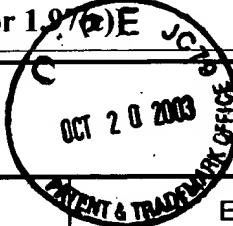
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No item of information contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned person, after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.


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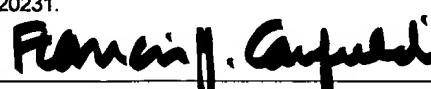
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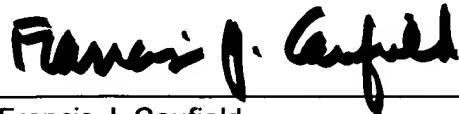
It is respectfully requested that the publications listed on the attached form PTO-1449 be made of record in this application because they may be relevant to the question of patentability of the claims during their examination.

Applicant requests that these publications be considered by the Examiner before issuance of the next office action. The Examiner is also asked to initial and return copies of the enclosed PTO-1449 form(s) to evidence such consideration.

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EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		US-3,982,835	09-1976	Schwomma, Otto			
		US-4,743,117	05-1988	Kitabayashi et al.			
		US-5,004,346	04-1991	Kuchel			
		US-5,416,586	05-1995	Tronolone et al.			
		US-5,625,454	04-1997	Huang et al.			
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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